

Item:	RESO 08-244
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ISSUE:

The Utah Cultural Celebration Center gallery is planning to host an exhibit of weavings entitled “Warp Meets Weft: India and America’s Southwest Thread Together in Utah”. The exhibit will run from September 11 through November 12, 2008. The exhibit presents contemporary weaving styles and contrasts the works of two male artists; Balakrishnan Vadakkinedath from India, and Irvin Trujillo from America’s Southwest. The agreement between West Valley City and the artist is being submitted for Council review and approval.

SYNOPSIS:

The exhibition consists of approximately 21 woven tapestries and rugs. There is no exhibition fee. The total value of the exhibition is approximately \$100,000, which will be insured under coverage limits established by the current URMA policy with a \$1,000 deductible. A free public reception and panel discussion with the artists will be held on Thursday September 18, from 6-9pm. Both artists will be in attendance at the opening, and will participate in a panel discussion. Balakrishnana will also participate in a full day ARTrageous program serving over 230 local students.

BACKGROUND:

The UCCC staff was approached early this year with a proposal to be the primary exhibition host site that would initiate a tour of the “Warp Meets Weft” exhibit around the Southwest. The India Forum of Utah has sponsored this exhibit and has raised funds to cover expenses for the exhibit and the visiting artists. This exhibition opportunity supports the UCCC mission, highlighting weaving as an art form and its traditional roots in many cultures.

RECOMMENDATION:

The UCCC staff recommends the City Council pass the resolution.

SUBMITTED BY:

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